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ZEIST. The Town Hall, which was built in 1908, is in the centre of Zeist. Upper middle class families searching for locations to build their manors at the beginning of the 19th century discovered Zeist and the town was often called the Pearl of the Country Manor Belt. Many of these fine country homes still exist. More on Zeist on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sat 5 May	“Remembering Bevrijdings Dag”	
	Cost: Free	
	More details on page 8	
Sunday 6 May	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 10 May	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 20 May	“Dutch Movie Afternoon”	Noon
	Doors open 11.30 am	
	Cost: \$10.00 includes Light lunch	
	More details on page 10	
Thursday 24 May	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 25 May	“End of Month Drinks”	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Saturday 26 May	“DACWA Event”	2.00-5.00pm
	By invitation only.	
Sunday 3 June	“Private Member’s Party”	
Thursday 7 June	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 10 June	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Sunday 17 June	“Sunday Brunch”	10.00 am
	Cost \$12.00	
Thursday 21 June	“DJVV Club” (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 29 June	“End of Month Drinks”	5.30pm—9.00 pm
Sunday 1 July	“Sunday Klaverjas Drive”	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207

Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Dear Members,

If everything goes according to plan, our house should be on the market by the time you read this but how long it will be before it is sold or settlement has taken place, is anyone's guess. That is also the time that I definitely will have to be free of Neerlandia, as house-hunting and moving will take all my available time.

Meanwhile my present priority as far as Neerlandia is concerned is the completion of unfinished projects such as the constitution upgrade.

I also want to make sure that everything continues to function well once I have departed

And action is already happening along those lines.

The organisation of the April Sunday Drive was done completely by Gerry Creemers. Thanks Gerry.

And the April Magazine was labeled, bagged, sorted for mailing and taken to the Post Office by Robert & Kay Wegman. This seems an easy task, but it does take 2 people at least 4 hours each and a lot of running around. Thank you Robert & Kay.

This welcome assistance gave me some valuable time off as Joke and I went two weeks to Karratha to look after her niece's house, 2 children, 2 dogs and a Lorikeet, while our niece and her husband enjoyed a cruise in the Caribbean.

But although we were in Karratha, it did not mean complete abandonment of Neerlandia business, as I took my laptop with me and this page was actually written in Karatha and several other articles received by e-mail were fitted in as well.

I have also been working on Neerlandia's constitution, as there are several required changes that need to be adopted by the members at the September AGM.

And I would also like to mention here that Neerlandia is doing well financially, membership numbers are constant and Neerlandia's future looks bright.

In Memoriam:

Not a month goes by or there are members that pass away, but every once in a while it happens to someone, who needs a special mention.

On the 30th of March Tinie Schrandt passed away peacefully after a long struggle.

Tinie was the founder of Au revoir Travel and her husband Ben, who is left behind, was an ex-president of Neerlandia in the 1970's.

Tinie, as owner of Au Revoir has always been a strong supporter of the Dutch Society Neerlandia and many members will remember the raffles we held for tickets to the Netherlands. These were donated by Au Revoir. Also the guided holiday tours she conducted for our members. She was a sincere, wonderful, fun loving person who had a unique way of her telling her holiday



experiences. Our sincere condolences to Ben, his children and their families. She will surely be missed by everyone.

Membership Fees:

Many thanks to those that have paid their outstanding fees, following our personal reminders sent out in April. Unfortunately, those few that have not responded, will no longer receive our magazine.

It always amazes me, why people that are Neerlandia members and who take part in a club activity, instantly drop their Neerlandia membership, as soon as circumstances change and they can no longer take part in that club's activities. Surely the many good years spent at Neerlandia should count for some loyalty or a duty to support Neerlandia, so that we can keep the doors open for others to continue those Dutch traditions and activities.

In early April we also drew the raffle to have the membership fee reimbursed for one lucky member.

Details of the winner on page 6 of the magazine.

Upcoming Events:

Dutch National Liberation Day

There will be a Remembrance Service on Saturday the 5th of May to commemorate the Dutch national Liberation Day.

That will be held at Karakatta with a friendly get-together at Neerlandia afterwards.

Everyone is invited to attend and more details can be found on page 8 of this magazine.

Dutch Movie afternoon in May:

On Sunday the 20th of May we will hold a Dutch movie afternoon at our clubhouse. A light Lunch will be included in the admission Price. This Lunch will consist of Soup and a "Belegd Broodje". Coffee and Tea will be freely available all afternoon. Doors will open at 11.30 and the movie will start at 1.00 pm and is about 1 3/4 hours long. The movie is called "Oorlogswinter" and it is the story of Michiel, who during the last ice-cold winter of the second world war becomes a young adult and he wants to assist his uncle Ben, who is in the resistance. But no one takes him seriously, until his neighbour asks him to carry out a small task.

Before he knows it, Michiel lands head over heels in deep trouble, while at the same time he cannot confide in anyone.

The film is classified 14 years and as such it is not rude nor crude. It is in Dutch with English sub-titles.

Dutch newspapers called this movie: "De mooiste Nederlandse film van de afgelopen jaren!"

End of the month Drinks:

These events are gaining popularity by the younger Dutch people, who have arrived here during the last 20 years or so. Full marks to Lianna and Marieke, who both put so much of their time and effort, not only to see the event grow, but to get some younger people actively involved with our kitchen as well. It takes me back to the sixties and early 70's to see so many young families with children in the clubhouse once again. Great work!

Pieter Leeftang,
your president.

Club News and In Memoriam

March Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

This was held on Sunday the 1st of April, which was April Fool's Day and we had 32 players or 6 tables. Several regular players were prevented from attending



on account of other social activities such as birthdays etc. Gerry Creemers was the organiser for the

event and she will be doing that more often in the future. At 11 o'clock play started and after 2 games, lunch was served. Which was prepared by Irma and Thea. Thank you both!

Then it was full on for another 2 games, then the scorecards were completed and as they were handed in, they were checked for correctness and the winners announced.



The winner of the day was well clear of the rest with a good score of 7346 points. Well done Riet!

These winners on the day were:

1st prize:	Riet van Emden	7346 points
2nd prize:	Paula Wessels	6991 points
3rd prize:	Henk Heyman	6918 points

The next 2 Sunday Drives will be held on Sunday the 6th of May and on Sunday the 10th of June.

Pieter Leeftang.



The Hollandia Choir:

Anne Padly contacted us and asked us to remove the

reference to the Hollandia Choir from page 27 of the Neerlandia magazine. This means that officially the Hollandia Choir no longer exist.

For many, many years this dedicated group of happy-go-lucky singers have entertained not only our Neerlandia members but also the residents of Nursing Homes and similar institutions.

The Choir's emphasis has always been to give light hearted performances in order to cheer up their audience and they succeeded very well.

On behalf of Neerlandia I would like to thank Anne, John and all the past members of the Hollandia Choir for the pleasure they have brought us, even though Anne reckons that one day she will start again and let's hope she can.

Pieter Leeftang.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 30th of March,
A great lifelong supporter of Neerlandia

Tinie Schrandt

Our sincere condolences go to
Ben, the children and their families
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA



May She Rest in Peace.



Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerstvolgende
Klaverjas Drives
worden gehouden
op Zondag 6 Mei
en Zondag 10 Juni.*

Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het
Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn te goed bonnen
voor onze winkel.

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AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE
SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

The next 2 End of month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 25th of May and on Friday the 29th of June.
NEW HOURS! The Bar will be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm,
but the Kitchen will close at 7.30 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Kroket! Broodje Frikandel!
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

“Kinder Menus” also available!

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open for your convenience!

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

From the Secretary's desk

Over time we have received many e-mails asking for help, looking for people, showing interests in house swap or requests to promote products. Most of the time we are able to accommodate those requests by dedicating one or two lines to the cause. The latest email we received however, deserves more attention. Please read the following story sent in by Nat Muir from Prevelly Park, Margaret River.

Two lovely ladies from Margaret River lost everything in the fires of November 2011.

Nickie Holzer and Marjorie Stewart are both from Dutch heritage and live in the same street in Orchid Ramble. Marjorie lost all of her grandmother & mother's items that she had inherited, along with some items given to her only months prior when she visited her family in Holland. Nickie also lost everything given to her by her family and the only thing she was able to salvage was a tiny silver clog that she used to wear on a charm bracelet. It is all charred and melted but it is the only remaining item she has and she wants to keep it as a memento. As a friend and neighbour, I am trying to gather some authentic Dutch items for these girls. It's very difficult to find traditional items that are truly authentic.

I wondered if there are people within your society who may have some small trinket they would like to donate to these two girls who are struggling to come to terms with all they have lost.

Marjorie and her husband Garrath have lived here with their two older sons for almost 20yrs. They have both been dedicated and active members of the community.

Nickie and her husband Jeff, and their two small boys have been here for a decade too. They too are a respected, well-liked family who did not deserve this tragic loss.

If you are able to help me with my collection I would really appreciate it. Any ideas would be appreciated and I am also fundraising so as to buy a few items as well, if you know of anywhere in Perth I would be able

to source some Dutch items!
If you can help, call Nat on 040 858 4746.

March End of Month Drinks was the third consecutive one where more than 100 patrons attended. It was a lively Dutch affair with a gentle overflow into the big hall where dim lights and nicely laid tables offer an opportunity to sit down to eat or to chat more privately. March EoM was also the first time that The Staff was wearing brightly orange aprons, which helped the new comers to know whom to go to. When asked, we were told that the new faces had heard about the Friday nights at Neerlandia, which means that this function is becoming a definite in many a Dutch (and Aussie) diary. Obviously we are very pleased with the current developments and we encourage everyone to keep dropping in as your support means that we are able to do bigger things. To give you an example of how we adjust to your enthusiasm, from April onwards, the bar will be open until 9pm giving every one the opportunity to drop in. The kitchen's opening hours will be extended by 15 minutes. All this could not be done without the tireless efforts of our core kitchen- and bar staff that is always supplemented with new people offering to help. Thanks to all of you. Keep dropping in as we have new things happening every time. Obviously the End of Month Drinks is an open event and everyone is welcome – hoe meer zielen des te meer vreugd. (*the more the merrier*).

Spotlight on...

.... Harry Crijns who not only fixed the music system in the hall, he also arranged a near new 4-

GET WELL SOON

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING ARE
NOW MEMBERS OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA

Peter Sonius
Bart Struyke
Nelly Goedegebuur
Marion Dreijer

More from the Secretary's desk & May birthdays

burner gas stove that was kindly donated to us by the RSL in Victoria Park. Thank you Harry for your intervention!

...Richard van Leeuwen adopted not 1, 2 or 3 but 4 table tops in the Hall. Thank you Richard, the Club and its members appreciate your financial assistance.

As you know, the Club always welcomes financial donations and you can rest assured that your money is wisely spent.

On a personal note I would like to shine the spotlight on Jean-Paul who rescued the contents of my hard drive when I thought I had lost ten years of photographs, fourteen thousand pieces of music and three and half years of minutes and Neerlandia administration. Its good to know that my personal IT person is only a phone call away.

More next month!

Lianna Parker
Secretary

FOR SALE:

Dutch Age Care has an almost new Desk for sale, which they no longer require for their office staff. This desk is 1100mm wide and 900 mm deep. It is fully laminated, in a light wood grain. It is a bargain at \$50.00. Contact their Office Manager, Karin Eastwood on: 9382 4186 during office hours.



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Pieter	van Dijk
Johan	Krygsman
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Bill	van Heumen
Karin	Eastwood
Frank	Verharen
Corrie	Albers
Sophia	le Faucheur
Willie	van Bruggen
Anne	Kraan
Dora	Klinge
Herman	Lok
Carl	Caubo
Theresa	Verdonk
Bianca	Slingerland
Patrick	Blaauw



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes you need to contact our **Membership Administrator:**

Marieke van den Berg.

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**THE ASSOCIATED NETHERLANDS
SOCIETIES OF WA (ANSA)
and
THE DUTCH SOCIETY
NEERLANDIA**



will be commemorating the Anniversary of
the Dutch National Liberation Day with a Remembrance Service.
This will take place on Saturday the 5th of MAY 2012,
(9.00 am for a 9.30 am start)

AT THE DUTCH ANNEX, PERTH WAR CEMETERY,
Smyth Road, Nedlands.

All Members of the Dutch Community are invited to attend the Service.
After the Service, at about 11.00 am, members of the Dutch Community are also
invited to come along to a friendly get-together held
at the Clubhouse of the Dutch Society Neerlandia, 230 Cambridge St. Wembley

Coffee & Snacks will be available from the Kitchen
and the bar will be open for your convenience.

For more information. Please contact:

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- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - noon |

**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de
bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**

End of the Month Drinks in March

The March End of the Month Drinks:

These were held on the 30st of March and we had over 100 people that turned up, including several newcomers who vowed to come to future End of the Month Drinks.



It is great to see families with young children back in the clubhouse once again.

I also met a couple of young ladies, who told me they had not been in Perth all that long and it was their first visit to our clubhouse and when I introduced myself, they said that they knew who I was and they



Young and old mixing socially while enjoying snacks and drinks

also knew a lot about our club. I obviously looked puzzled because they laughed and said: "Well, you put all your magazines in full colour on your website,



Harry Bon, John Ottes and Robert van Straalen



Arnold & Joska Stroobach with Marion Dreijer (centre)

we did read a few of them and thought, that place needs checking out."

And what is more important, they were so glad they came and they said they would be back.



Socialising and catching up or meeting other Dutchies is the name of the game

Our Kitchen Volunteers were stretched but coped quite well with the large crowd. A big thank-you to all. We monitor our kitchen service every month and modify or make improvements if necessary. This was a very successful event and one has great potential to guarantee Neerlandia's future.

Pieter Leeftang.



Movie Afternoon

Sunday 20 May

An exiting, recently made Dutch Movie:

“Oorlogswinter”

**will be shown on the large Screen in our Clubhouse
(See Clubhouse Posters for more exact details)**

When: Sunday the 20th of May.

Time: The Clubhouse doors will open at 11.30.

**On arrival you will find a self-serve Coffee/Tea Bar
with biscuits for your immediate use.**

**At noon a light Lunch will be served, which will consist of
Soup with a “Belegd Broodje”**

And of course Coffee/Tea will still be freely available.

**At 1.00 pm we will start the movie,
which will finish about 2.45 pm.**

Cost: \$10.00 per person.

(To cover the costs of the lunch)

**For catering purposes pre-
paid bookings are essential**

Please contact:

**Gerry Creemers on:
9356 4207**

**or Pieter Leeftang on:
9364 6703**



Computers, advertisers & a bit of fun

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons for beginners have started up once again and will be conducted by Ad Liebrechts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Clubhouse from 10.00 am – noon.

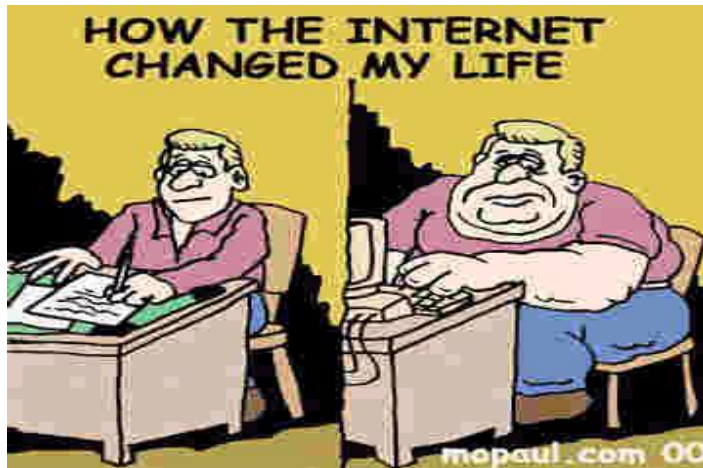
They will be able to assist you with your software problems, but you need to bring your own laptop.

Please contact Ad Liebrechts.

Tel: 9279 7383



This service is free for our Members, but there will be a small charge for Coffee served.



LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppyyou just hoped nobody found out



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Brunch

Sunday 17 June

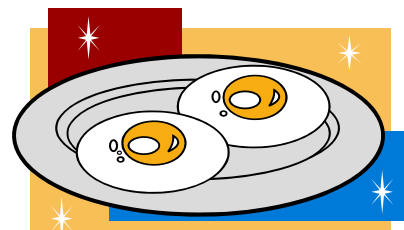
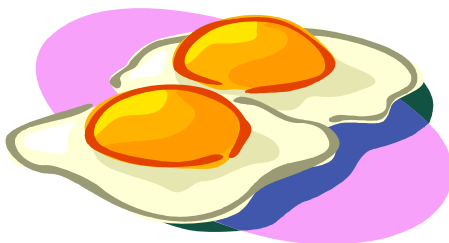
On Sunday the 17th of June you are invited to come to Neerlandia and join our delightful "Sunday Brunch".

Celebrate a Birthday with your family or invite your friends to join you.

Or ask the Committee of you Social Club to shout you all a Neerlandia Brunch.

Enjoy our Dutch "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods.

We serve unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.



Adults: \$12.00

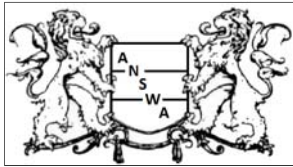
Children: \$ 6.00

**For catering purposes,
pre-payment is necessary
when you make your booking.**

For bookings please contact:

**Gerry Creemers on:
9356 4207**

**or Pieter Leeftang on:
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From the President:

The service was very successful with many positive comments from the various dignitaries that were present. They found the service very well organised and very moving. The ANSWA delegates who planned this service put a lot of effort in the planning and it paid off. The service again had the ceremony of the roses as well as the most beautiful wreaths that were placed by invited guests. The dignitaries present were not only from Perth but also from Canberra, Broome, New Zealand and the Netherlands. Amongst our VIPs we had a family of a survivor and family of a victim present which made the service even more poignant. My thanks go to all who helped to make this Service such a great success. After the service there was a small reception at the Neerlandia Clubhouse. A light luncheon and drinks were provided with compliments of the Dutch Embassy. In the Clubhouse the ANSWA committee had displayed various picture posters for visitors to look at and to visualise the impact and the repercussion of the Broome strafing. Dr. Nonja Peters explained the picture posters to the visitors present. Our Posters were so successful that copies of them were taken to Broome for their commemoration and afterwards went to the Dutch Embassy in Canberra. We were also very lucky to have Doug Hurst present, the author of the book "The Fourth Ally", who gave a short speech relating to his research of the Dutch influence in World War 11 in Australia. Doug Hurst handed out signed copies of his book "The Fourth Ally" courtesy of the Dutch Embassy. We also had the Historian Kevin Gomm, who has written various books but made special mention to his book "Red Sun On The Kangaroo Paw", which tells about the Japanese Air Raids and Attacks on Western Australia During World War 11. Not many of those present at the clubhouse had realised that Western Australia was attacked so many times. Every school student should definitely read this book.

Anne Rietveld
President of ANSWA



"300th Anniversary of the wreck of the VOC ship the 'Zuytdorp'"

As you will see by the 'Zest Festival' advertisement below there will be celebrations in the town of Kalbarri for the very special anniversary of the wrecking of the VOC ship the Zuytdorp.

The event has been organised by the Shire of Northampton and we are all invited to attend from the 1st June to the 3rd of June 2012.

This is a very important occasion so not only Australians but as Dutch we should join in.

Particularly on Saturday the 2nd of June when there will be the formal unveiling of the 'Zuytdorp' Commemorative Plaque.

Of course the Government of the Netherlands is involved as well as the VOC Historical Society.

Below is a very short story of the Zuytdorp—enjoy, and if you can make it to Kalbarri in June then I will see you there. If you require accommodation details then email vocsoc@iinet.net.au or contact the Tourist Bureau in Northampton or Kalbarri.

Henny Crijns...




The Shire of Northampton cordially invites you to the 300th anniversary of the 'Zuytdorp' shipwreck to be held in Kalbarri on 1 to 3 June 2012

To celebrate this event the Kalbarri Development Association presents for your enjoyment the Zest Festival, based on the 'Zuytdorp' vessel and the spice trade of the Dutch East India Trading Company

Events include:

Friday 1st June, 7pm -
Opening of the WA Museum and Still Life Art Exhibitions.
Meet and Greet Evening at the Allen Centre, Grey Street Kalbarri

Saturday 2nd June, 10.00 -
Welcome to Country by the traditional Nanda people
and formal unveiling of the 'Zuytdorp' Commemorative Plaque

Saturday 2nd June, 12.00 -
'Trade Winds' Tasting Tent,
a selection of food and spices at the Kalbarri Foreshore

Saturday 2nd June, 7pm -
Bonfire and 'Chamber of Rhetoric'
Storytelling Evening.

Please RSVP to the Shire of Northampton on +61 8 99341202
by the 11th May 2012



The ship the Zuytdorp (Zuijtdorp) was built in the year 1701 for the "Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagny" known in short as the VOC, in Middleburg The Netherlands.

She was used by the VOC from 1701 to June 1712 when she was wrecked near Shark Bay in West Australia. She was 160 feet in length and of 1152 ton. She would normally carry a crew of 250.

At the time of her wrecking against the cliffs, that now bears her name, she was carrying 286 living souls.

Today:

Many of the aboriginal peoples living in the Shark Bay, Kalbarri, Geraldton, Guilderton & surrounding areas believe that they have Dutch Heritage.

Believe that their Dutch forebears came from the Dutch ships wrecked off our WA coast. What they have been saying all along may well be proven true in a very short time now as results of DNA studies come to fruition.

On the 2nd June at Kalbarri the Nanda people will be welcoming you to their Country.

Henny Crijns...



Painting by Adriaan de Jong of the 'Zuytdorp' wrecking against the cliffs that now bear its name.



Coins from the Zuytdorp.



Copper nails from the Zuytdorp.

ANSWA NEWSLETTER

“What is ANSWA”

ANSWA stands for the Associated Netherlands Societies in WA. Incorporated in February of 1998 after a number of people from the Dutch community in WA decided that there was indeed a need for what was then called an “Umbrella Group” similar to a group that had already been set up in the Eastern States & travelling well for years. Over the ensuing years ANSWA held a variety of events in an effort to highlight the Dutch Community in WA.. One of these and which became a regular yearly event was the May Memorial Service. This event has never faltered. This year we will affectively have held 2 Memorial Services. The most recent being the 70th Anniversary of the Bombing of Broome (3rd March 1942) where many Dutch citizens lost their lives in an attempt to escape the Japanese who were invading their home which was Java. This Memorial Service held at the Dutch Annex in the Perth War Cemetery, and then afterwards at Neerlandia on the 29th February 2012 proved extremely successful. The next Memorial Service will be held at the Dutch Annex on the 5th

of May 2012—the theme will be ‘Freedom’; something that a lot of us take for granted and yet that our forefathers have fought for on a number of occasions throughout history.

But of course ANSWA is not just about Memorial Services.

Albeit that the organization has been somewhat quiet for the last few years, there are now committee members who are eager to see it reconstitute the aims of the organization.

We are now looking at the younger ‘Dutch’ in our community to help us with a younger and more vibrant appearance — we would like to look to them for suggestions on how we can; and what we can bring to the Community in ways of perhaps highlighting some of our heritage and culture.

The Netherlands has a lot of history and has many celebrations throughout each year— some of these could become an event here.

Also Australia has a lot of Dutch History and the ‘Australian-Dutch Cultural Heritage Connection’ is all the rage at this time—and will

continue, I believe, for some years to come. With special celebrations beginning as early as this June for the 300th

Anniversary VOC ship the Zuytdorp and then in 2016 the 400th Anniversary of Dirk Hartog and for this event it is expected that Prince Willem-Alexander will be here. The average person will not get to see a lot of these celebrations AND this is where we can come in.

ANSWA has a small but hard working committee; and a Subgroup that organizes Memorial Day Services. But this is just once a year.

There is so much more that we could do IF we could possibly have some input from the ‘younger’ in our community.

“What say you”?

If you have any suggestions or can help in anyway at all then please do....

Contact any ANSWA committee member—details on front page.

Thank you,
Henny Crijns
Secretary
ANSWA



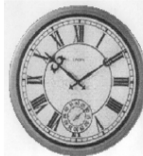
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educational experience for WA and our visitors. The little ship is currently on display at the Australian national Maritime Museum in NSW; that is until May 2012 when the vessel will then begin its 84 day voyage back to our WA shores. The Duyfken is set to return to Perth in August 2012. Our 'Little Dove' (Duyfken) will play a key part in the 2016 celebrations for the 400th year anniversary of Dirk Hartog's landing at Cape Inscription on the Island named after him 'Dirk Hartog Island' in Shark Bay, WA.



Willem Janszoon 1570-1630
Dutch Navigator & Colonial Governor—Discoverer of Australia

The Duyfken

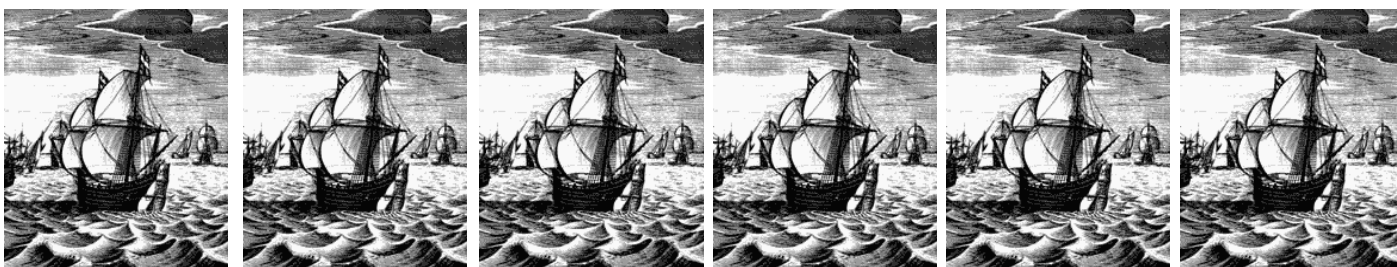
'Little Dove'

Returning home to WA

In 1606, the small Dutch ship the Duyfken sailed from the Indonesian island of Banda in search of gold and trade opportunities on the fabled island of Nova Guinea. Under the command of Willem Janszoon, Duyfken and her crew ventured south-east. They sailed beyond Os Papuas (Papua New Guinea) and explored and chartered part of the coast of Nova Guinea. They did not find gold - but they did find the northern coast of a huge continent: - Australia. Captain

Janszoon was the first European to map and record Australia in history so Duyfken's voyage marks the beginning of Australia's recorded history. The WA built replica will return to WA as a result of a State Government funding package. The replica 17th century sailing ship, the Duyfken, was built in Fremantle in the late 1990's. Since then she has sailed to Asia, Europe and all Australian states a number of times. The funding will provide the Duyfken with a permanent home while also creating a new tourism attraction and

This is a very special occasion as it was the first 'recorded landing of Europeans in WA. **Willem Janszoon** (c. 1570–1630), Dutch navigator and colonial governor, is the first European known to have seen the coast of Australia. His name is sometimes abbreviated to **Willem Jansz.** (with or without the full stop) Janszoon served in the Netherlands East Indies for several periods (1603–11, 1612–16) including a period as governor of Fort Henricus on Solor.
Henny Crijns...





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Dutch Community Radio (DCR) began in the late 1970's and over the years began to grow and with a variety of people taking on the responsibility of creating and presenting a program on a weekly basis.

In 1996 Aat and Jenny Kievit were asked to help run DCR. After 16 years of dedicated service to the Dutch Community in WA, Aat & Jenny have now stepped away from the radio waves of DCR in Perth. Aat had been President, Producer, Panel Operator and Presenter and Jenny was Secretary, Program Coordinator and Presenter. Their years at the helm of DCR saw various volunteers come and go to what it is today with a fine selection of Presenters & Panel Operators thus enabling spread of the work load, and, of course a guarantee of continued broadcasting to the Dutch Community in WA.

In the early days of DCR they were creating the musical side of the programs from cassettes, LP's, & tapes but

progressing to what it is today—and that is CDs. Studio equipment also changed with old equipment being replaced by more modern and up-to-date equipment.

News was and still is a major part of the presentation—news from the Netherlands; and also the local Dutch Community which includes the latest on upcoming events. As the forefront of DCR it was also their responsibility to obtain advertising, as this would then help to finance the cost of broadcasting. They spent hours creating an advertisement for businesses that didn't already have their own recorded advertising.

In Aat and Jenny's time with DCR they saw the program grow from a 1 hour to a 1½ hour presentation.

Over the years they met a lot of interesting people, many of whom they interviewed on DCR—people like Dutch Ambassadors, Consuls, Admirals, Generals, and yes Dutch Prime Minister JP Balkenende, Dutch Authors and the list goes on....

Their years with DCR was perhaps, at times, a lot of work but something they both enjoyed.

They leave the studios of Ethnic Broadcasting 6EBA with, perhaps, a heavy heart but they can be assured and

also satisfied that, indeed, they leave a legacy of commitment and dedication to a well-trained & equally dedicated team—all of who salute Aat and Jenny for their years of hard work in making DCR what it is today—a professional, yet fun and informative Dutch Community program.

All the team at DCR wish both Aat and Jenny the very best for the future.

Aat & Jenny in turn also wish the very best for the future of Dutch Community Radio.

Henny Crijns

Your team for:

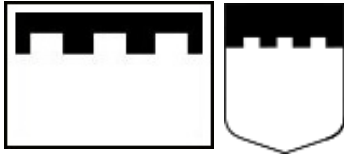
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The interesting town of Zeist



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ZEIST, Municipality and Town in the province of Utrecht.

Population January 2011: 60,835.

Zeist is a medium-sized town. Of the approximately 500 municipalities in the Netherlands, Zeist is the 53rd largest, with a modern infrastructure and direct connections to the large cities such as Utrecht, Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam.

HISTORY

The town of "Seist" was first mentioned in a charter in the year 838. The original settlement was located at the present *Dorpsstraat*. In the late 12th century, a church was built here. Its tower is now a part of the Reformed Church, the remainder of which was built in the 19th century. Until medieval times, a branch of the river Rhine flowed close to the centre of the town. Three mansions were built near the village: the 'Huis te Zeist', "Kersbergen", and "Blikkenburg".

From 1677 to 1686, the "Slot Zeist" was built on or near the ruins of "Kasteel Zeist", the original castle (donjon) of Rodgar van Zeist. There is very little documentation on the family that lived there, but a few names are found: in the 12th century a *Godefridus de Seist* and in the late 13th century another Godefridus, a knight, with his son Johannes and his daughter Petronilla.

Van Hinsbe of the van Zeist family was a woman, Elisabeth, who married a member of the Borre van Amerongen family. They had a son who adopted his mothers name and his fathers coat-of-arms.



The "Spiegelzaal" in Slot Zeist



Seal of the Moravian Church featuring the Ag-

In the last quarter of the 17th century, Count Willem Adriaan van Nassau, an illegitimate descendant of Prince Maurice of Orange, acquired the property and built Slot Zeist in the Dutch Classicist style. Murals by Daniel Marot are still largely intact.

Members of the Evangelical Brotherhood, the Dutch name for the Moravians, settled in Zeist in 1746, building for their community an impressive array of 18th century classicistic houses planned around two squares. Their headquarters are still located in the centre of town, next to "the palace". The oldest Dutch archives of the Moravians are kept at the Utrecht Archival Centre at Utrecht.

The church's emblem is the Lamb of God (right) with the flag of victory, surrounded by the Latin inscription: *Vicit agnus noster, eum sequamur*, or in English: "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him".

In the 19th century, Zeist became a favourite residence for the rich, mainly from the city of Utrecht. It has a rich inheritance of country estates, country manors, historical buildings and scenic beauty. Zeist is committed to preserve this cultural and historical character and to retain, as much as possible, this parkland and scenic beauty. Its rich inheritance will remain important for now and the future.

SOESTERBERG AIR BASE was a Royal Netherlands Air Force military airbase located in Soesterberg, about 6 kilometres north-northeast of Utrecht. It was first established as an airfield in 1911 and in 1913 the Dutch Army bought the field and established the Army Aviation Division.

For almost 40 years, United States Air Force facilities at Soesterberg, named **Camp New Amsterdam**, was a major front line USAFE airbase during the Cold War. The base was closed on 31 December 2008, due to budget cuts in the Dutch Defence. The airbase ceased flying operations on 12 November 2008, when the command was transferred from the Dutch Air Force to the Dutch Defence, they take care of the base until it will be given back to nature. The last fighter ever to depart, delayed due to bad weather at the Aviano Air Base, was a Greek F-4E fighter.

The former USAFE part stays in military hands and will now officially be called Camp New Amsterdam.



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The interesting town of Zeist

HEADQUARTERS of the WWF (World Wildlife Fund)



This World Wildlife main office building in Zeist by RAU architects was completed in 2006.

RAU transformed a former 1950's agricultural laboratory into the first CO2-neutral and self-sufficient office in the Netherlands. By breaking through the rigidity of the existing structure and adding an organic blob at the centre, the rejuvenated building got a friendly and inviting appearance. Natural materials have replaced bare concrete; what used to be grey and confronting is now in harmony with the surrounding nature reserve. RAU's intervention did not only give the building a new face, but fundamentally changed the user experience. Natural ventilation and the use of natural materials offer a balanced and healthy indoor environment.

The energy performance of the building is very good; the building is CO2-neutral, it is (almost entirely) self-sufficient and achieves an A++ rating at the EPBD energy label by the European Union. Triple glazing and wooden lamellas in front of the large windows ensure efficient isolation and heat resistance. Solar cells on the roof generate electrical energy and solar thermal collectors are used for heating up water. Even the body heat of the building's users is captured and re-used. Cool ground water is used for cooling the building and for flushing toilets. The surplus of warmth in the summer is stored in a water reservoir in the ground and used for heating the building during winter. Likewise, cooling energy is stored underground during winter months and is used for cooling in summer.

SLOT ZEIST

The château was built in the French baroque style and is owned by Zeist Town Council. The interior has been adapted as much as possible to the time of its origin (the 17th century), and includes Goblins, large mirrors, furniture and portraits. The elegantly styled rooms in the grand and charming Slot are designed to reflect the era of its time. The grandeur of this aristocratic house can be experienced as soon as one drives through the stately and distinguished entrance that offers the visitor a royal welcome. The classical and traditional interior radiates the warmth of the baroque era. The fairy tale décor will enhance and suit whatever event you organize. There are also regular exhibitions in the main building and in the wing gallery, theatre performances and concerts take place in Slot Zeist.



The charming "Slot Zeist"



Autumn in the woods

Zeist is the location of the Royal Dutch Football Association (KNVB) and also known for the beautiful forests surrounding the town. For many years the Dutch National Archaeological Research Service (*Rijksdienst voor het Oudheidkundig Bodemonderzoek*) was housed at Slot Zeist.

Zeist also has a well equipped modern shopping centre with shops of diverse allure, a regional hospital, a large cinema and performing arts complex, a swimming complex, the Zeist Castle, Het Slot Zeist which retains its design from the 17th century Roman architecture and a large diversity of both accommodations and conference facilities.



Shopping in the Steynlaan



Thee koepel Slot Zeist



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Laughter is still the best medicine



The Story of a Dead Duck:

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away." The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."

A true Golfing Story:

A father, son and grandson went to the country club for their weekly round of golf. Just as they reached the first tee, a beautiful young blonde woman carrying her bag of clubs approached them.

She explained that the member came with her to the club for a round of golf had an emergency that called him away and asked the trio whether she could join them. Naturally, the guys all agreed.

Smiling, the blonde thanked them and said, 'Look, fellows, I work in a topless bar as a dancer, so nothing shocks me anymore. If any of you want to smoke cigars, have a beer, bet, swear, tell off-colour stories or do anything that you normally do when playing a round together, go ahead. But, I enjoy playing golf, consider myself pretty good at it, so don't try to coach me on how to play my shots.'

With that the guys agreed to relax and invited her to drive first. All eyes were fastened on her shapely behind as she bent to place her ball on the tee. She then took her driver and hit the ball 270 yards down the middle, right in front of the green.

The father's mouth was agape. 'That was beautiful,' he said. The blonde put her driver away and said, 'I really didn't get into it, and I faded it a little.'

After the three guys hit their drives and their second shots, the blonde took out an eight iron and lofted the ball within five feet of the hole. (She was closest to the pin.)

The son said, 'Damn, lady, you played that perfectly.' The blonde frowned and said, 'It was a little weak, but even an easy seven would have been too much club. I've left a tricky little putt.' She then tapped in the five-footer for a birdie.

Having the honours, she drove first on the second hole, knocked the heck out of the ball, and it landed nearly 300 yards away smack in the middle of the fairway.

For the rest of the round the statuesque blonde continued to amaze the guys, quietly and methodically shooting for par or less on every hole.

When they arrived at the 18th green, the blonde was three under par, and had a very nasty 12-foot putt on an undulating green for a par.

She turned to the three guys and said, 'I really want to thank you all for not acting like a bunch of chauvinists and telling me what club to use or how to play a shot, but I need this putt for a 69 and I'd really like to break 70 on this course.'

If any one of you can tell me how to make par on this hole I'll take him back to my apartment, pour some 35-year-old Single Malt Strath Mill Scotch in him, fix him a steak dinner and then show him a very good time the rest of the night.'

The yuppie son jumped at the thought! He strolled across the green, carefully eyeing the line of the putt and finally said, 'Honey, aim about 6 inches to the right of the hole and hit it firm. It will get over that little hump and break right into the cup.'

The father knelt down and sighted the putt using his putter as a plumb. 'Don't listen to the kid, darlin', you want to hit it softly 10 inches to the right and let it run left down that little hogback, so it falls into the cup.' The old gray-haired grandfather walked over to the blonde's ball, picked it up and handed it to her and said, 'That's a gimme, sweetheart.'

The blonde smiled and said, 'Your car or mine?'

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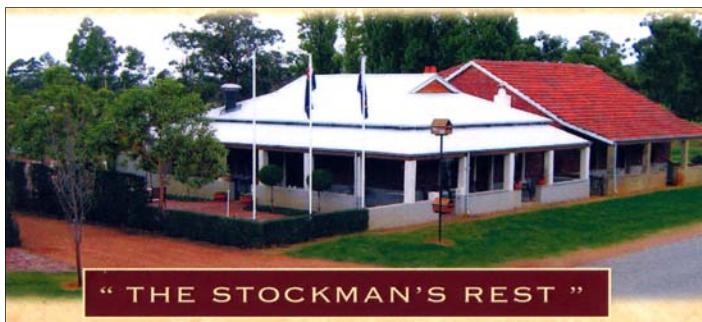
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Als of het zo was gepland, slaat de vrouw inderdaad haar golfbal dwars door de ruit van de mooiste villa in de wijk.

Beduusd belt het koppel aan de deur.

Een geheimzinnige stem roept hen binnen. In de hal aangekomen zien ze de scherven van het raam en zien ze ook nog een grote Chinese vaas aan diggelen, met daarin hun golfbal.

Daarnaast staat een klein, oud ventje dat zegt: 'Ik veronderstel dat U verantwoordelijk bent?'

Het koppel begint zich direct te verontschuldigen, maar het ventje onderbreekt hen: 'Wat U gedaan heeft was een goede zaak, want ik ben een Geest die al duizend jaar opgesloten zat in die Chinese vaas.'

Door de vaas te breken ben ik bevrijd en vanaf nu ben ik weer een gewoon mens.

En ik kom met drie wensen die vervuld moeten worden. Omdat jullie tweeën mij hebben bevrijd, mogen jullie elk 1 wens doen. De 3de wens wil ik na 1000 jaar wel voor mijzelf houden. Akkoord?'

Het koppel knikt hevig, en de man doet direct zijn wens: 'Ik zou graag elke maand 1 miljoen euro verdienen!'

De geest knikt en zegt: 'Het is in orde, kijk morgenavond uw bankrekening maar na.'

'En wat zal het voor U zijn, mevrouw?'

Waarop de vrouw zegt: 'Ik zou graag een luxe villa hebben in elk land van de wereld!'

Weer knikt de geest en zegt: 'Dat is een makkie, ga morgen maar bij uw notaris langs, daar liggen de eigendomsakten!'

De man en de vrouw vallen in elkanders armen van geluk. Na de eerste emoties vraagt de man aan de geest: 'En geest, wat gaat u voor uzelf wensen?'

'Wel', zegt de geest 'gedurende duizend jaar heb ik in die vaas gezeten.

Al die tijd heb ik maar naar één ding verlangd: "Een passionele nacht met een vrouw door te brengen en aangezien jullie naar mij toe kwamen en aangezien ik toevallig door een hele mooie vrouw bent bevrijd, is het niet meer dan toepasselijk dat zij daarom de wens van mijn droom is.

Ik wil een nacht doorbrengen met u, mevrouw!'

Het koppel kijkt elkaar aan, waarop de vrouw zegt:

'Voor een miljoen per maand en een huis in elk land wil ik dat wel doen!'

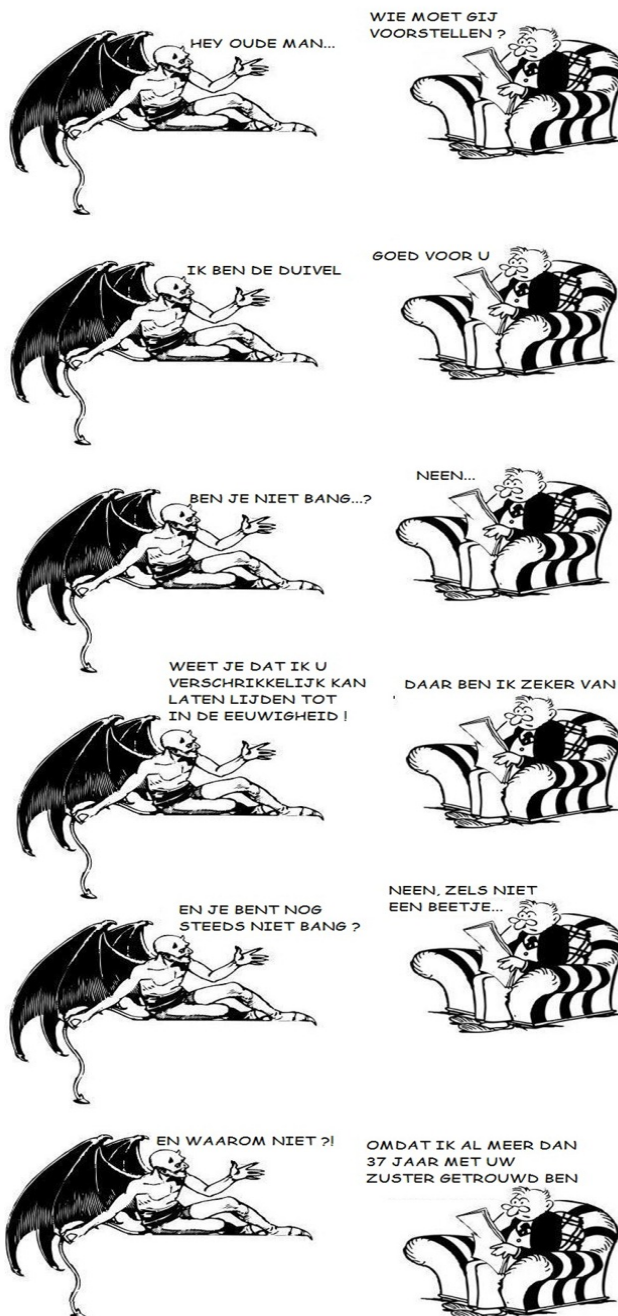
Waarna ze zich met de geest in de slaapkamer terugtrekt.

De geest blijkt inderdaad duizend jaar in te willen halen in één nacht, want pas als de ochtend aanbreekt, stopt de geest en vraagt aan de uitgeputte vrouw: 'Hoe oud bent u eigenlijk?'

'30 jaar', antwoorde de vrouw, 'maar waarom wilt u dit weten?'

Zegt de geestige geest: "Ik ben altijd verbaasd dat er op die leeftijd nog mensen zijn die in geesten en sprookjes geloven..."

DE DUIVEL EN DE OUDE MAN



Ouders moeten strenger opvoeden:

door Myrtille van Bommel Overgenomen uit "De Wereldkrant" van Radio Nederland (Foto: ANP)



Er wordt minder opgevoed dan dertig, veertig jaar geleden, meent kinderrechtster

Sonja de Pauw Gerlings-Döhrn. Zij pleit voor lik op stuk, maar dan thuis. Daardoor hoeven minder zaken in een later stadium voor de kinderrechtster te komen. Als ouders hulp bij het opvoeden weigeren, zou hun kinderbijslag moeten worden ingetrokken.

Vertrekkend kinderrechtster De Pauw Gerlings heeft de betrokkenheid van ouders bij de opvoeding de afgelopen drie decennia zien afnemen. 'Destijds leerde je van je moeder dat je niet mocht liegen. Als je dat toch deed, werd je er meteen op aangesproken. Je keek wel uit om nog eens te liegen, want je wist dat je moeder er een volgende keer opnieuw achter zou komen. Nu is dat anders; er is minder gezag.'

Pedagoog en hoogleraar Jeugdbescherming Ido Weijers is het met de kinderrechtster eens dat er veel veranderd is in de stijl van opvoeden. De autoritaire verhoudingen tussen ouders en kind zijn verschoven naar een onderhandelingshuishouding. 'Kinderen hebben veel meer ruimte om al op jonge leeftijd over alle mogelijke dingen te onderhandelen. Soms loopt dat de spuigaten uit.'

Wereldkampioen opvoeden

Toch wil dat volgens Weijers allerm minst zeggen dat de opvoeding slechter is geworden. Uit onderzoek blijkt zelfs het tegendeel. 'Sommigen dachten eerst nog dat de aandacht voor zorg en opvoeding van kinderen naar beneden zou gaan als veel moeders gingen werken. Maar uit onderzoek blijkt het omgekeerde: de afgelopen dertig jaar is de tijd die ouders aan de zorg en opvoeding besteden bijna verdubbeld.'

Hij benadrukt dat Nederland zelfs als beste uit de bus kwam in een vergelijkend onderzoek van Unicef in 22 welvarende landen. Dat betekent volgens Weijers dat Nederland een soort wereldkampioen opvoeden is. Nederlandse kinderen zijn gelukkiger, presteren beter, zijn veiliger en gezonder dan in veel andere landen. 'Dat is wel een prettig gegeven.'

Sociaal vangnet

Kinderrechtster De Pauw Gerlings is ervan overtuigd dat veel zaken die zij behandelt onnodig waren

geweest als ouders op tijd hadden ingegrepen. 'Zij moeten bij de eerste signalen van foutief gedrag meteen ingrijpen. Niet op vakantie omdat je rottigheid hebt uitgehaald, niet de beloofde bromfiets. Lik op stuk, maar dan thuis.'

Vroeger was er een sociaal vangnet van gepensioneerden, leraren en verpleegkundigen die dichtbij gezinnen stonden. Zij hadden het eerder in de gaten als ouders het moeilijk hadden met opvoeding en inkomen. De hulp was heel basaal. Tegenwoordig hebben mensen geen tijd meer om in te springen bij anderen.

Het verdwijnen van een sociaal vangnet is niet een onoverkomelijk probleem, denkt Weijers. 'Je kunt zeggen: het was goed, die stevige familieband. Aan de andere kant was dat lang niet altijd goed. Het leidde in veel gevallen tot ongewenste bemoeienissen van grootouders met de ouderlijke opvoeding.'

Professionele hulp

Bovendien heeft er een geleidelijke verschuiving plaatsgevonden van niet-professionele naar professionele hulp en informatie, meent hij. Met al die informatie over opvoeding is ook de behoefte van ouders om het goed te doen enorm gegroeid. 'Dat zie je in de relatie tussen ouders en school. Ouders stellen tegenwoordig veel hogere eisen.' De Pauw Gerlings is het ermee eens dat de meeste ouders het beste voor hebben met hun kinderen. Maar bemoeienis van buitenstaanders stellen ze vaak niet op prijs. 'Heel dikwijls zie je dat ouders het vervelend vinden dat hun kind spijbelt. Maar ze vinden het niet goed dat er iemand thuis komt kijken of de oorzaak in de gezinssituatie te vinden is.'

Kinderbijslag

Dat raakt volgens haar de privésfeer en dat is taboe. Opvoedingsadviezen uit de naaste omgeving zouden daarbij een brug kunnen slaan. Nu wordt dit vaak overgeslagen. Pas als het echt uit de hand loopt, meent de kinderrechtster, komen de professionele hulpverleners in zicht. En dan is het vaak te laat. 'Er is de illusie dat wat in vijftien jaar niet goed is gelopen, in twee of drie jaar weer is recht te buigen.' Ouders zouden daarom gedwongen moeten worden eerder hulp te accepteren. Als die uit pure onwil wordt geweigerd, mag wat haar betreft de kinderbijslag worden ingetrokken. Maar Weijers denkt dat dit een verkeerd signaal is.

'Je hebt met ouders te maken in een ouder-kind-relatie en je versterkt hun rol als opvoeder niet bepaald als je hen gaat straffen. Ik denk dat je altijd eerst de vraag moet stellen of de ouders wel serieus genomen zijn.'

De Keerzijde van de Medaille.

(or the flipside of the Medal.)

The darker side of a brilliant concept, the once mighty conglomerate with the name of VOC (Verenigde Oost Indische Compagnie) that once controlled the profitable spice trade, the sea routes to Asia as well as the company that called the shots in those tropical regions.

It was the company's strict rule, that records had to be kept on ships voyages on a daily basis. Most of all these records have been preserved and for this reason we know so much these days of what did occur so many years ago. It was the 20th of January 1766 that a VOC three-master vessel, named 'Meermin' sailed from Betisboka Bay in



The slave ship Meermin sets sail from Madagascar for South Africa in 1766, but the ship never made it to Cape Town

western Madagascar to the settlement of Cape Town with more than 140 slaves on board. The Meermin was a multipurpose cargo vessel, built in Amsterdam in 1761, with the special purpose to carry slaves. For skipper Gerrit Muller it was the first time he was having a human cargo. Opper koopman (chief merchant) Johann Krause was in charge of the mission, aided by his assistant Olaf Leij, both experienced in dealing with this kind of merchandise. During the voyage, the skipper Gerrit Muller was continuously reminded by the older Johann Krause that he was the one in charge and that he actually knew more about sailing and navigating a ship than the skipper himself. This not only caused antagonism between the two leaders, but also diminished the skipper's authority over the crew who overheard Krause's rather unfriendly remarks.

It was the VOC's policy, to import only young slaves, for reason that they survive the atrocious conditions on board better than the adults and also that they provide longer labour during their lives. The Meermin's voyage in January 1766 was doomed to be a troubled one. Already before departure, an escape attempt was made by one of the slaves. As usual, the officers were quartered toward the stern with the captain's cabin below the quarterdeck with underneath the rooms for guns and

gun-powder. VOC rules were that no human cargo was to be allowed on deck.

It was mid-summer that the Meermin sailed from Madagascar to Cape Town and during the four weeks it took, the temperature below deck became unbearable, rising to 50 degrees. Often a long chain would run along the hold, onto which the slaves were shackled. Ventilation was minimal, as the gun-ports would have been sealed, to prevent escape. To increase the misery of this human cargo, more slaves were taken on board that officially registered, in order to be sold illegally for their own profit by those in charge. The situation became desperate, with slaves becoming ill and some close to dying. And so two days into the voyage, chief merchant Krause made the decision to free a group of slaves from their shackles in turns and let them recuperate on deck. The captain Gerrit Muller refused to accept this, as this would endanger the security of his ship. Trouble is in the making, as skipper Muller is responsible for his ship and chief merchant Krause is responsible for his merchandise, in this case the wellbeing of the slaves. The ships 'chirurgijn' or doctor had already reported that he did run short of medicines to cure the ill crew as well as slaves.

A small group of slaves had planned already from the start to take over and become the masters of the ship. Also a few of the slaves had been put at work already to help the crew members hoisting sails and cleaning the decks and thereby had become acquainted at running a sailing vessel.

Then on the 18th of February a fatal decision was made that a number of rusty sabres and assegais had to be cleaned and oiled by the few slaves used as deckhands. And then it happened, the four slaves cleaning these weapons acted and attacked the unarmed crew and killed Krause, who rushed in to stop the revolt. Skipper Muller, badly wounded, locked himself in his cabin and managed to climb through the port window and slide down the rudder into the gunroom.

Meanwhile on deck about thirty sailors had been killed or thrown overboard. Skipper Muller, assisted by the merchant assistant Olaf Leij, threatened to blow up the ship with a barrel of gunpowder and so managed to trick the rioting slaves into going ashore, telling them they had landed in Madagascar. However it was the Dutch settlement at Struisbaai on South Africa's East Coast, where the settlers overpowered the seventy slaves who had landed in a longboat, launched from the Meermin. The remainder of the male and female slaves were overpowered and most of the surviving ones transported to Cape Town. During these altercations the Meermin had been badly damaged by a reef and was abandoned and left to sink in deep water.

According to the old VOC reports recovered in recent times, the Governor General of the VOC in Cape Town, Rijk Tulbagh (1751-1771), ordered a thorough investigation into the Meermin affair with the result that skipper Gerrit Muller was stripped of his captain's rank, sent back to Amsterdam as a crew member and had to work for his passage. He also lost one month of his wages as well as being ordered to pay the court costs. Some of the leading rebel slaves were banned to Robben Island, a place to where troublesome prisoners were shipped. Many years later, Nelson Mandela served his time here as well.

Retour shipping to the East Indies was a hazardous business, as the VOC had found out in its many years of trading. The

shareholders having to face the loss of a vessel, in which they had invested, could well be impoverished instead of harvesting the riches they had hoped for. This is the story of the *Zuytdorp*, a 700 ton return-ship ('retourschip') with a crew of 286, under the command of Marius Wijnvliet, leaving Zeeland for Batavia on the 1st of August 1711. The usual treasure chests were onboard, filled to the brim with newly minted trading coins. It should be remembered that the VOC not only had a license for trading, but was also allowed to mint its own trading money in silver and gold, hire soldiers, make war, discover and occupy land. The *Zuytdorp* arrived at the Cape of Good Hope on 23 March 1712, and having taken on fresh water and food and replaced the 112 crew members who died and were lost during this voyage; the *Zuytdorp* left on the 22nd of April. As per VOC directive he followed the favourable monsoon winds to the east, and then after having covered a certain distance, set sail due north, staying away from the treacherous Great Southland coast (West Australian coast) at a safe distance. Experience had shown that a certain number of days at a certain speed would bring the vessel to a point, where due north would bring them to Batavia, and not Sumatra or elsewhere. The ship's speed, when going east, was then measured in knots, counted from a long line running off a reel, with knots tied at a certain distance



The “Zuytdorp” hits the cliffs near Kalbarri

which was thrown out into the ocean and had a wooden float at the end. While sailing, the wooden float's resistance in the water would pull the knotted line off the reel, the crew member on duty would have an hour-glass with him to check the time it took for a certain number of knots to run off the reel. It must have been a frightening experience for captain and crew, to hit these treacherous reefs about forty kilometers north where the Murchison- river enters the ocean near Kalbarri and then to realize he had miscalculated the position of his ship. This disaster could also have been due to a strong ocean current, adding to the drift towards the continent.

How many survived this calamity is not known. No contact with Batavia was ever made by crew members, who might have survived. It is thought that a number of the lucky ones were accepted by the local native tribe and lived out their lives in the Australian bush, fathering children in due course.

Another VOC ship that unintentionally visited Australia was the *Zeewijk*, owned by the VOC chamber of Zeeland. The vessel left the port of Vlissingen on 7 November 1726 under command of skipper Jan Steyns and manned with

212 crew. The trading capital was stacked in ten strong oak chests. After an uneventful voyage to Cape of Good Hope and re-stocking its food and water supplies, it set sail on the usual trajectory to Batavia. Like the *Zuytdorp* and the *Batavia*, it struck one of those infamous reefs on the west coast of Australia. It was on the 9th of June 1727 that the *Zeewijk* struck a reef in the Houtman Abrolhos group. Fortunately the ship did not break up immediately, so the crew could unload the vessel of the necessary and most importantly the money chests. It was then decided to prepare a longboat with a party to sail to Batavia to get help. Nothing was ever heard of that party again. The remaining crew of 88 members then started to build a small sailing vessel from timber they salvaged from the *Zeewijk*, calling it 'Sloepie'. It took these hardy people nine months to complete it.

Their voyage was successful, they arrived in Batavia on the 30th of April 1728, all the surviving members as well as all the trading money in those heavy chests. The customary VOC investigation found that skipper Steyns had been responsible for the navigational errors made and also condemned for untrue entries he made in the ship's journals. It is not suggested this happened on the *Zeewijk*, when it struck a reef, but many a time this did happen in those days of sailing ships in trouble, manned with at times a shanghaied crew, some desperados and those on the run from justice. I hereby quote from a publication in 'van der Graeff Journal', published 14 June 1727: "We have found that several God-forsaken wretches and malignants in the wreck are breaking up everything and are getting intoxicated like animals between the decks. It was decided this forenoon by the whole Council, not only of superior and petty officers, but also by seaman and soldiers, that we would all swear a precious oath to God to be loyal to one another and faithful to the Company and to punish together, be it even with death, all evil-doers and malignants".

Apparently, crew members of the *Zeewijk* discovered remnants of another vessel in the area where they had grounded themselves, possibly of the VOC returnship "Ridderschap van Holland" which left The Cape in 1694 for Batavia and was never heard of again. That is the story of a 520 ton returnship, built in Amsterdam in the year 1682. She made four successful return voyages to Batavia and then on her fifth voyage came to grief, never to be heard of again. It was the 11th July 1693 that The *Ridderschap van Holland* set sail from the harbour of Wielingen in Zeeland to Batavia, arriving at the Cape of Good Hope on 9 January 1694 to take on fresh food and water and certainly some crew. She left again on the 5th of February with a crew of 300 as well as two passengers and just disappeared on their way to Batavia. Willem de Vlamingh was sent out in 1697, in command of three ships, to search for the missing vessel along the west coast of the Great Southland, but failed to find any evidence. Had it been the policy of the VOC also to settle in the areas they had mapped on the various voyages of their ships during the many years they were operating, the history of Australia could well have been quite different.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the puzzle Wizard

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Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Moderate

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for only 2 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was not one of the easiest, but once you found the words "Onset, Eat and Signpost", you were on the way. The March solution was: A=16; B=8; C=5; D=19; E=3; F=10; G=18; H=1; I=26; J=4; K=2; L=23; M=15; N=12; O=11; P=25; Q=14; R=9; S=6; T=22; U=7; V=21; W=13; X=24; Y=20; Z=17.

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